

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## Beating the Weather.

We are now to know for six days in advance what we may expect the weather to be. The United States weather bureau has had one of its meteorologists at work for a long time making forecasts for several days ahead, and he has been so successful that he is to continue the work, and the bureau will publish his predictions. He has been enabled to make the predictions by receiving news of the atmospheric conditions prevailing over almost the whole of the northern hemisphere. The bureau has lately made arrangements to receive daily reports from the Russian meteorological service, and from the west coast of Europe, from the West Indies, from Bermuda, the Azores, Bahama and Honolulu. In a few months reports will be received from the interior of Alaska, and within a year from Iceland. With information of the atmospheric conditions within and around the arctic circle, it will be possible to forecast pretty clearly the place of the meeting of the air-currents from the south with those from the north, with a consequent increase in accuracy of all weather forecasts. Rain and snow are caused, as the reader knows, when a cold air-current meets a warm current saturated with moisture. Therefore the more one can learn about the existence and direction of the air-movements the more accurately can he predict storms.

## Wages of Skilled Labor.

The quarterly bulletin of the state labor department of New York, just published, shows that the rate of wages for skilled labor is the highest on record in New York. The returns are based on a third of a million hands in factories, stores, hotel and railway service and construction work. They show the average earnings as \$212 for the first quarter of 1906, or three dollars a day when employed, as against \$187 for the same quarter of last year and \$2.85 a day then. Wages have increased and lost time has lessened. The New York World, which summarizes these figures, says the ill-paid trades are included like clothing makers and cigarmakers, as well as the well paid like printers, builders and railroad men. The high wage trades averaged \$3.47 a day, with only four days lost time. Additionally a plumbers' union in the city is now striking for \$5.25 a day, and there was a general advance in building trades wages that went into effect the first of May, which does not show in this quarterly report. The average throughout the state is not so high as in the city. The reverse of the picture is that rents and the price of foods have risen. In almost every growing city of the state rents have increased sharply, while every other necessity of life is higher than it was five years ago.

## A Memory for Faces.

It is fairly well known that King Edward has a remarkably good memory for a face or a voice, for he has given evidence of this on many occasions. An instance which a Marienbad correspondent gives is as much illustrative of his diplomatic friendliness, perhaps, as of his mental retentiveness. His majesty went into the post office there to dispatch a telegram. Behind the counter was a man who saluted respectfully. "Why," exclaimed the king, looking up suddenly, "it is Payne," and he shook the hand of the gratified official with every sign of cordiality. Twelve of fourteen years ago, it appears, the postal official was a page at Sandringham, and King Edward renewed the acquaintance delightedly. "Bring your wife to see me," said the king, when he learned that his former servant was married, and he chatted at some length before he left the office. The young man introduced his wife accordingly, and received from his majesty a signed photograph.

Sergel Nicolaievitch Mendelson, a Russian journalist and political prisoner, lost both his arms and legs in an accident at Odessa. With rare determination he learned to write by holding the penholder between his teeth. Removing to St. Petersburg he started an advanced radical newspaper. A few months ago the paper was suppressed and the armless and legless editor imprisoned. His utterly helpless condition left him absolutely at the mercy of the brutal prison wardens. His punishment has now been commuted to close arrest in his own house.

## JOHNNY BULL TURNED THE TRICK.



"Good Morning, Have You Busted the Soap Trust?"

## A DECREE FOR THE CUBANS

Gov. Magoon Gives Notice That One Will Issue soon.

Seats of All Members of Island Congress Elected in 1905 to Be Declared Vacant.

Havana. — "By a decree to be issued soon under specific authority of the president of the United States, the seats of all members of the second series of the Cuban congress elected in 1905 will be declared vacant."

This was the announcement made by Governor Magoon Sunday to 25 senators and members of the house of representatives whom he has invited to attend a conference in the palace. After reviewing all the facts developed by the peace commission sent to Cuba by President Roosevelt in response to President Palma's appeal for intervention, Governor Magoon called the attention of the members to the fact that the determination as to the status of the congress had been reserved by the peace commission for consideration at Washington. He then communicated to them the final determination of President Roosevelt that the seats of all senators and representatives elected in 1905 shall be considered vacant from October 12, 1906, the vacancies thereby created being filled by an election under the provisional government in accordance with the proclamation of Governor Taft, September 29.

The first series of senators and representatives elected in 1904 will be continued in office if moral peace, tranquility and public confidence be restored to such an extent that an election for the vacated seats may be held during 1907, and that there may be at the same time an election of the successors of representatives whose terms expire December 31, 1907, without shortening these terms, thus avoiding the necessity for two elections. The salaries of the ousted members will be paid to October 12, the date fixed by the peace commission.

## Decision Against Miners' Officials.

Washington, D. C. — The United States supreme court Monday decided the habeas corpus cases of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, the representatives of the Western Federation of Miners who are now held in prison in Idaho, on the charge of complicity in the murder of former Gov. Steunenberg, adversely to the men. The opinion was by Justice Harlan. The effect of the decision will be to continue to hold the men in confinement for trial in Idaho.

## Cabinet Changes to Senate.

Washington, D. C. — The president Monday sent the following nominations to the senate: Secretary of the treasury, George B. Cortelyou; attorney general, Charles J. Bonaparte; postmaster general, George L. Von Meyer; secretary of the navy, Victor H. Metcalf; secretary of the interior, James R. Garfield; secretary of commerce and labor, Oscar S. Strauss; associate justice supreme court, William H. Moody.

## Celebrated 260th Anniversary.

Lisbon. — The 260th anniversary of the independence of Portugal from Spanish domination has been celebrated by the signature of a treaty between the two countries delimiting their respective frontiers.

## FORMING THE CONSTITUTION.

Delegates Propose Strict Railroad Regulations, "Jim Crow" Cars and State Supremacy.

Guthrie, Ok. — The actual formation of a constitution for Oklahoma was inaugurated Friday afternoon when propositions were introduced in the constitutional convention for two plans, providing respectively for railway regulation and separate coaches for whites and negroes.

The railway regulation bill, introduced by Delegate Clint Graham, is summarized as follows: Railroad, express, sleeping car and oil pipe line companies shall be declared common carriers; to provide for stock inspection, to prevent consolidation and prohibiting free passes.

The "Jim Crow" resolution was offered by Judge Ledbetter of Ardmore, I. T. Both propositions were referred to the committee on railroads.

A feature of Friday morning's session was the address of Delegate Ledbetter, who opposed the adoption of a resolution recognizing the federal constitution as paramount to that of the state of Oklahoma. Mr. Ledbetter denounced the press but reiterated his view that state sovereignty should be strictly observed.

## NOT THEIR FIRST OFFENSE.

Negro Soldiers of Twenty-Fifth Infantry Shot up a Dakota Town in 1885.

Washington, D. C. — The war department is preparing for an investigation by congress of the case of the companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry recently discharged without honor by order of President Roosevelt and to this end has compiled a record of negro troops dating back to the civil war. It is said that this record discloses a state of affairs not generally known and that once before at least the Twenty-fifth infantry "shot up a town."

The affair happened in 1885 at Fort Sturgis, Dakota. Some of the negro soldiers went on a rampage similar to that at Brownsville, Tex., and one of their number killed a citizen. In that case, however, the citizens took the matter into their own hands, forced the troopers under pain of death to disclose the name of the man who did the killing and then took him out and lynched him.

## Peoria Revenue Receipts.

Peoria, Ill. — The fifth internal revenue district with headquarters in this city set a new record for the nation at the amount of collection for a single day. The receipts Friday were \$250,367. The previous record was \$231,858 made on February 13, 1904. The total for the month was \$3,677,325, exceeding November, 1905 by \$500,000. The record for the fifth district is \$3,858,854 for Nov. 1904.

## Football Profitable for Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass. — The annual report of the graduate treasurer of Harvard athletics for the year 1906 was issued Sunday and shows a profit from all sources of \$27,816. The football receipts during the last season amounted to \$85,336, while the expenses were \$29,628.

## May Be Cicero's Remains.

Naples. — What would appear to be a most important archaeological discovery has been made at Formale, near which place Cicero was assassinated nearly 20 centuries ago. This discovery consists of remains which are thought to be the tomb of the great orator.

## TO DRAFT ROOSEVELT.

A Third Term National League Is Being Formed Who Propose to Ignore President's Wishes.

Chicago. — The Roosevelt Third Term National League has been formed in Chicago and Wednesday an application for a charter was made at Springfield. Edward A. Horner, formerly of Leadville, Colo., is the organizer and president of the league. The national headquarters of the league will be in Chicago. Clubs will be organized in every county and city in the United States.

"We aim to get 5,000,000 members," said Mr. Horner. "It is not our purpose to appeal to politicians. In fact, we don't want them. It is to be a matter which it to come directly from the people and for myself I don't care whether President Roosevelt likes it or not. To my mind he has nothing to say about it. The people have absolute and implicit confidence in him and we are going to see that they elect him to a third term."

## OBJECTED TO HIS "AIRS."

Texas Cowboys Attempted to Hang a Negro on a Santa Fe Train in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan. — Two Texas cowboys tried to hang a negro named John E. Lewis, on Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train No. 17 west bound Tuesday night and were only prevented by Lewis, leaping from the train at Topeka. Lewis is a resident of Wichita, and a member of the Knights of Pythias. It was the badge of this order that he wore that aroused the Texans' ire. They did not like to see a "nigger putting on such airs," they said. Three times had the cow punchers gotten a rope around the neck of Lewis only to be frustrated by his cutting it off and dodging. No aid was given by the passengers who at the first flourish of revolvers fled to other cars.

## The Indian Started Home.

Topeka, Kan. — John Thomas, an Indian from the Pottawatomie reservation, fifteen miles north of here, Wednesday morning boarded a north-bound Rock Island passenger train which was standing at the Topeka station, opened the throttle of the locomotive and started home. A fast train from the West was due and the possibility of a serious collision in the yards was averted by the action of a switchman, who boarded the flying locomotive and after a fierce struggle with the Indian, succeeded in stopping the train before any damage had been done. The train was well filled with passengers at the time. Thomas was later placed under arrest.

## House Passed Three Bills.

Washington. — The House Wednesday waiting on the report of the appropriation bills began its legislative grind by passing three measures: Incorporating the national German-American Alliance; authorizing the secretary of the treasury to duplicate gold certificates in lieu of ones lost or destroyed, and the bill amending the national banking laws, permitting national banking associations to make loans on real estate as security and limiting the amount of such loans.

## Another Pipe Line Project.

Tulsa, I. T. — Robert Galbreath, the principal owner of the Glenn oil pool Wednesday announced that he had financed the Mid Continent and Port Arthur Pipe Line and Refining Company, a \$20,000,000 corporation through English and New York capital, for the purpose of building a pipe line from the Glenn pool to Port Arthur. Galbreath claims to have control of two thirds of the production of the Glenn pool, and says he can now furnish 50,000 barrels daily.

## Give the Credit to Protection.

London. — The Daily Mail comments Thursday morning upon the "Tale of Amazing Prosperity" told in Secretary of the Treasury Shaw's report, which it attributes almost entirely to the system of protection. The paper says the striking fact about this dazzling prosperity is that it prevails in a country which British free traders 15 years ago predicted would be ruined by protection.

## John D. Has Quit Dodging.

St. Louis. — The clerk of the United States circuit court here Wednesday received notification from the United States marshal's office in New York that service has been obtained upon John D. Rockefeller and others in the government suit against the Standard Oil company recently filed in St. Louis.

## Operating Canoes on Canal.

Panama. — Railroad communication on the Isthmus is still interrupted and mails and passengers at some points along the line are transferred from one train to another in canoes.

## EDITORS PROTEST.

Executive Committee of National Association Resolve Against Any Increase in Postal Rates.

St. Louis. — The executive committee of the National Editorial Association met here Tuesday in annual session. The two most important topics that will be discussed during the three days of convention will be the ruling of the inter-state commerce commission forbidding railroads to issue transportation for advertising space and the proposal to increase the postal rate on newspapers from one cent to four cent a pound.

The annual convention will be held at Norfolk, Va., about June 1. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That we, members of the executive committee of the National Editorial Association in annual session, representing 10,000 newspapers and periodicals, protest against any change in the postal laws of the United States that will cause an advance in postal rates or charges on second class mail matter.

"Resolved, That we believe it has been fully established that one cent a pound is a full and adequate postal charge for newspapers and periodicals.

"Resolved, Further, that we protest against the charge that newspapers and periodicals cause any real loss, or that they are subsidized by the payment made by the government to meet a deficit that is really the result of the cost of postal matter carried for the government."

## CORGRESS IN SESSION.

Both Houses Convene at Noon Monday — Little Business Was Transacted.

Washington, D. C. — Victors and vanquished foregathered in the hall of the house Monday to congratulate and sympathize with one another over the results of the November ballot.

The crowds came early and when the speaker's gavel fell at 12 o'clock the galleries were jammed with gaily dressed women who added much to the picturesqueness of the scene. The appearance of Speaker Cannon was the signal for a hearty round of applause from both members and the gallery which lasted until he brought the gavel down convening the last session of the 59th congress. Immediately following the prayer of the chaplain the roll was called by states. At 12:53 p. m. the house adjourned.

Three raps with the traditional little ivory gavel in the hands of Vice President Fairbanks brought sudden stillness over the thronged galleries surrounding the senate's last session of the 59th congress at noon Monday.

For 15 minutes before noon there was a general reception on the floor with greetings and congratulations. When the signal for the session was given the usual routine of organizing was begun. The oath of office was taken by Senator Dupont of Delaware. After the introduction of the resolutions regarding the discharged negro troops nominations from the White House were received, after which the senate went into executive session and adjourned at 12:44 p. m.

## INTERNAL REVENUE REPORT.

Shows Receipts Past Year of \$249,102,738 — Expected to Reach \$260,000,000 This Year.

Washington, D. C. — The annual report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue John W. Yerkes for the past fiscal year shows total receipts of \$249,102,738, an excess of \$14,914,762 over the preceding year, while the receipts for the first three months of the current year, show an increase in collections of \$4,661,131 over the corresponding months last year. Commissioner Yerkes says he believes the total revenues in the current fiscal year will aggregate \$260,000,000. During the current year there was collected from the tax on distilled spirits \$136,965,911; on fermented liquors \$54,651,636; on tobacco \$48,422,997.

The report discusses the enactment of the free alcohol bill passed at the last session of congress and says great benefit will be derived by the people at large from this legislation.

## Moody Orders More Suits.

Washington, D. C. — Acting on reports submitted by the interstate commerce commission, Attorney General Moody has directed that suits be brought against a large number of additional railroad companies to recover penalties for violation of the safety appliance law through failure to keep their equipment in proper condition. The attorney general previously issued a similar order directing suits against a large number of roads.

## Fined Standard Employees.

Decatur, Ind. — Twenty-five employees of the Standard Oil company arrested last Sunday for working on the Sabbath were Friday convicted and fined, the total of the fines and costs amounting to \$245.